

Project Vetting Form

PROJECT NAME: Hearing on Human and Sex Trafficking

DATE BEFORE THE COMMISSION: March 24th, 2014

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PROJECT PARTNERS: Communities Against Sexual Harm, USC, LA Mayor's Office, LA Board of Supervisors, Orange County YMCA, others

TOTAL BUDGET ASK FROM COMMISSION: \$6,000, although I anticipate co-sponsors

STAFF TIME: This hearing is estimated to take 5-8 percent of the E.D.'s time in planning and approximately 10 percent of the AGPA's time in planning and preparation.

PROJECT SUMMARY: Utilizing the Commission's legal capacity to call hearings and commission research, and working with partners in the community and universities, the Commission will hold a hearing about human and sex trafficking. The hearing will be based in Los Angeles and occur early in the Summer of 2014.

COMMISSION'S ROLE/PARTICIPATION: The Commission would work with partners to set the hearing, identify key speakers, commission research for the hearing, make briefing packets, and work with legislators to assure good attendance at the hearing.

POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE ISSUE(S): Human and sex trafficking have gained a large amount of attention from the public and the legislature in the past year. There is an abundance of confusion about what trafficking constitutes and best practices for helping people who have been trafficked. This year, there are at least 10 bills before the California State Legislature that deal with either sex or human trafficking. This hearing will be designed to inform both the legislature and the public about the needs of people who have been trafficked and about the potential solutions to this problem.

COMMUNITY BUILD-UP/BACKING: The Coalition Against Slavery and Trafficking the LA Mayor's office and other partners have expressed a great amount of interest in a Commission hearing on this topic. There are potential funders and an abundance of speakers who can contribute to this discussion. The Commission will produce a report and recommendations for the legislature going forward from this project.

OTHER PLAYERS: As far as an initial search in this area, the Commission has several legislative Commissioners exploring this area for legislation in 2014-15. The Commission would work along side these Commissioners to make sure the hearing supported their inquiries and need to inform their colleagues about the issues around human and sex trafficking.